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5 MS. DETRAZ: I'm here mostly today to protest the
6 manner in which you're conducting these hearings. The
7 public didn't know anything about this. A friend of
8 mine was notified by Citizen Alert last night and he
9 wasn't even able to come; he's teaching school. So he
10 asked me if I would come. And it just -- I don't
11 understand why you keep conducting these meetings
12 without any public notices. It just doesn't make sense.
13 How -- I mean you're not going to have anybody here
14 today.

15 Have you had anybody besides me?

16 I saw one name up there, but why do you do
17 this?

18 Why aren't we notified ahead of time so we can
19 prepare for it?

20 Do you have an answer?

21 MS. HANLON: Basically we're here to take your
22 comments on the site recommendation process, and our
23 court reporter is here for the purpose of taking your
24 comments on our process for recommending a site.

25 MS. DETRAZ: Well, we know they can keep it right

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1 where it is for a hundred years and then let the

2 scientists figure out what to do with it.

3 Now, for instance, they're supposed to haul

4 this high-level nuclear waste starting the 2nd of

5 October. Of course this is before the bombing in New

6 York. So they were going to haul it from New York

7 across I don't know how many states, Pennsylvania and so

8 forth, and they were going to take it to Scoville, Idaho

9 (sic) and they were going to leave it there until Yucca

10 Mountain was licensed and it said in the newspaper they

11 can keep did in Scoville, Idaho for 30 years in dry cast

12 storage.

13 I said at that hearing down in Las Vegas,

14 "Then what is the big rush on Yucca Mountain?" They're

15 admitting, themselves, they can keep it in Scoville,

16 Idaho for 30 years. So why? What is the big rush?

17 Arjun Makajiani he gave them the perfect answer, "Leave

18 it where it is and let the scientists figure out what to

19 do with it."

20 It's here on the planet. We know that. We've

21 got to cope with it. But if scientists -- it didn't

22 take scientists a hundred years to create the atomic

23 bomb, so it won't take them a hundred years to find the

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24 answers to how they can regulate it or whatever they
25 have to do with it, but we know that it's here and we
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1 have got to do something with it.
2 But why haul it across 43 states for 30 years
3 and put billions and billions of people's lives in
4 danger in doing that?
5 It just does not make sense. And our federal
6 government is doing it to its own citizens. It's
7 disgusting to me, and it's not only disgusting but it's
8 dangerous and now, see, six years ago -- no, it was
9 1995, Nevada -- I mean Lincoln County is the real reason
10 we have Yucca Mountain because in 1995 there are 17
11 counties in the state of Nevada and 16 of them said we
12 would not haul any or allow any more nuclear waste in
13 this state, and the legislature even passed a law to
14 that effect.

15 But good old Lincoln County with our local
16 politicians not only asked for it but they went back to
17 Washington, D.C. and lobbied to get it in Lincoln
18 County. That was first where they were going to put it
19 down at Elgin. And we raised such a fuss about that
20 that they finally had to scrap that plan and now they

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21 are just hauling low level, or so they tell us, low

22 level, through Lincoln County to the test site.

23 Well, there's all of those, even the school

24 buses that pass these trucks that are hauling those --

25 those children are even in danger because they pass

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1 those trucks every day coming from Rachel and Hiko in to

2 Alamo where they all go to school, and they pass those

3 trucks every day. So our school children are being put

4 in danger every day of their lives just to go to school.

5 And it just doesn't, you know... Why do we do that?

6 Why do we do that to our own citizens?

7 It just doesn't -- it's crazy. The whole plan

8 is crazy, I have told them this many times in these

9 JCCCIAC meetings if you or I came up with a plan to haul

10 it from the east coast to the west coast across 43

11 states for 30 years, they would put us in the booby

12 hatch, and that's what they should do with these people

13 that came up with this.

14 It was a "screw Nevada bill" to start with,

15 which was Bennett Johnston, the reason he passed that

16 they were talking about put it in the salt mines in

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17 Louisiana. He didn't want that there. He decided,
18 well, we'll have the tests out here in the test site and
19 Nevada would be the perfect place and after he passed
20 the "screw Nevada bill," he retired and we've been
21 fighting it ever since.

22 And can you disagree with what I'm saying? Do
23 you think it makes sense to take it across 43 states for
24 30 years? And there isn't a one of them, the NRC told
25 us, oh, yes, we're bound to have accidents because you

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1 will have human error. It's going to be human beings
2 handling this, truck drivers, on the railroad, and
3 they're trying to tell you how safe the railroads are.

4 Well, I have a pictures of a Union Pacific
5 train, which is just what they'll be doing, going right
6 to Salt Lake City going through Denver, going through
7 Nebraska, right down Tornado Alley. And I've got a
8 picture and these are some of my handouts.

9 I have got a picture of a tornado and it was
10 in Oklahoma, and it just leveled everything. And
11 there's a man and his wife and their dog trying to find
12 their trailer and anything they can that's left. And
13 it's just nothing but just waste.

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14 So I put on there, "This photo has a double
15 meaning." Number one, what does a tornado look like?
16 And do you think a tornado of this magnitude could
17 overturn a truck or train hauling nuclear waste to
18 Nevada from the east coast to the west coast to Nevada
19 and including Nevada going through Nevada? But that's
20 right down Tornado Alley.

21 And I just, you know, and you know it's just
22 the money. That's the real reason. It's just the
23 money. That's what our politicians here -- our mayor,
24 one of the things in the JR295 that they passed here
25 over our objections in Lincoln County stated that

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1 wherever possible that local merchants if they could
2 furnish whatever the DOE needed that they must buy it
3 from local merchants.

4 Well, guess who owns the only hardware store
5 here? Our mayor. And he's now going into his fourth --
6 third term of four years and we tried, we tried really
7 hard to defeat him this year and we would have except
8 some rotten politicians, some skullduggery that went on,
9 just at 1:30 in the morning the night before the

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10 election.

11 And, you see, we in Lincoln County we're fed
12 up with this. We held a survey in 1995 and there was
13 not one community in Lincoln County that wanted it. And
14 it wasn't even close. In fact, I'll go over to my house
15 and bring you back a copy of the survey.

16 We asked them nine questions and then we had
17 them: Are you for this or are you against it? And then
18 no opinion. Well, in every community Rachel, Alamo,
19 Caliente, right where Mr. Phillips lives, every one of
20 them, every one of those questions it would be like
21 76 percent were against it and 13 percent for it.

22 There was never a question in one city in
23 Lincoln County, one community. Panaca was opposed to
24 it. Pioche was opposed to it. Eagle Valley and Rachel,
25 little old Rachel out there. And I'll run home and I'll

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1 come back with a copy of that survey, and it was done in
2 1995 when these guys passed JR295 over the objections of
3 the citizens of Lincoln County and all for the money.
4 That's all it is. It doesn't matter.

5 They don't really care. They don't care if
6 they put our children in danger. They don't care if

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7 they put the millions of people in the 43 states in

8 danger just so they can make some money off of it.

9 We have got two consultants. Mike Baughman,

10 he, in 1995, the Las Vegas Sun reported that he had

11 taken \$800,000 out of Lincoln County alone. Well, there

12 are ten counties involved here. They call it affected

13 units of local government, AULG for an acronym, and

14 Lincoln County is one of them, but there is White Pine

15 County and Nye and Esmeralda and Mineral, Eureka -- I

16 can't remember all of them -- but then there's Inyo

17 County in California. And, see, all of these people,

18 not one of them wants it. Not one.

19 And yet the federal government is going to

20 force this on us anyway, and they couldn't if it weren't

21 for our local politicians. That's the part that makes

22 me mad. I go to this JCCIAAC meeting every time. They

23 used to hold it once a month.

24 You tell me they have a budget of \$729,000 and

25 this year they have held three meetings in ten months.

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1 They held one on the 23rd of January. They had one

2 scheduled for the 27th of March and they canceled that

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3 one. Now you would think, then, they would have one in
4 April? Oh, no. Then they went clear to May 15th so
5 that was four months; four months between January and
6 May before they held a meeting.

7 Well, they're not sitting on their seats doing
8 nothing. They're going to Washington, D.C. They're
9 traveling all over the country, and when we ask them
10 where they went, why they went, how many people went and
11 what it cost, they won't tell us.

12 Everything is in secret and we're sick and
13 tired of it in Lincoln County, I'll guarantee you that.
14 And I tape all of those minutes. I tape every one of
15 them. And I've heard Paul Seidler on January 23rd of
16 the meeting, he stands up there and tells people that we
17 know, there's no doubt about it, we know our governor
18 and the state legislature will oppose licensing at the
19 mountain, but he just as same said it won't make any
20 difference.

21 Then he goes on and says we know that Senator
22 Reid and Senator Bryan will oppose it but goes on to say
23 just the same thing: It won't make any difference, in
24 so many words.

25 Then he goes on and at the end -- he must have

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1 talked for an hour off and on. Between him there would
2 be Mike Baughman and other consultants speaking, but
3 then he states that in the end it will be licensed and
4 everything, everything, will wind up in Yucca Mountain.
5 That's from all over the world, every place. Everybody
6 that ships nuclear waste, it will wind up at Yucca
7 Mountain.

8 At that time I lived in Alamo, 65 miles from
9 Yucca Mountain. I now live in Caliente now, another
10 50 miles further, but I have little nieces and nephews
11 that live in Alamo and Hiko, and they're in a lot of
12 danger. They're the ones that ride the bus from Hiko
13 down to Alamo, my little nieces and nephews; and it
14 isn't funny, you guys.

15 I know this is a job to you, but you're
16 talking about people's lives, about families. About
17 families. And we aren't expendable. We love our
18 children just as much as they do at Maryland at Calvert
19 Hills (sic) where this is going to start, and they had
20 an article in the Las Vegas Sun, which you know opposes
21 it vigorously and it said, "Day of Reckoning," and I
22 crossed out "reckoning," and I put "Day of Infamy,"

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23 which is just what this is.

24 Because we know they can keep it back there

25 for a hundred years and they admitted in the paper they

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1 could keep it in Scoville, Idaho, for 30 years in dry

2 cast storage.

3 Have you seen that article?

4 MR. STUCKER: No.

5 MS. DETRAZ: I'll go home. I'll get you that

6 survey we took, and get you these articles I'm talking

7 about, okay, and you know what a big uproar there was

8 about the hearing you held at Losee Road, and I went

9 down and we were supposed to -- the public was supposed

10 to speak from 6:00 to 9:00. I got there a little after

11 9:00 and the public hadn't even started speaking. They

12 had the university professor from Salt Lake, and he was

13 standing up there telling us how safe it was on these

14 trains and they never had a train wreck. That's a bunch

15 of baloney.

16 I have a picture of a train and it's a Union

17 Pacific train and it caught fire. It says it was

18 hauling automobiles. It could be doing the same thing

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19 hauling nuclear waste. Nothing left of the train except
20 the metal wheels and metal whatever they put the
21 foundation on. That's all that was left of that train
22 and I have a picture of it. I'll go home. I just live
23 down the street here. I'll go home and get some of
24 these things and bring them back to you and show you
25 this picture of the tornado.

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1 I have been fighting this for six and a half
2 years. My husband has Parkinson's, and I put my husband
3 on the back burner for six and a half years, and I'm now
4 working with Senator Harry Reid, and you know how he
5 opposes it.

6 One of the things I stated at a JCCCIAC meeting
7 last time, Harry Reid will go down in history as the
8 last greatest senator ever sent to the Senate. Senator
9 Jeffries left the Republican party. He didn't go to the
10 Democrats, but he went to the independent party, but he
11 votes for the Democrats and that's why Tom Daschal took
12 Trent Lott's place. That's why -- I'm trying to think
13 of the other one. Anyway that's why the Democrats took
14 it away from the Republicans, and I happen to be a
15 Republican. But I certainly am not for nuclear waste,

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16 and I don't understand why those Republicans are.

17 Well, yeah, we had an article in the paper

18 where Trent Lott took so much money for his campaign and

19 Larry Craig and Murkowski from Alaska, both of those

20 have, and to me beyond they even admitted it. Why

21 aren't they in prison? Why aren't they? Because

22 they're high-powered politicians, and they're giving the

23 nuclear industry what they want. That's why.

24 I'll go home, and I'll be back, oh, probably

25 in a half-hour with a bunch of stuff for you and you

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1 see, you see if you think I'm saying things that aren't

2 true and that there is a real reason why we don't want

3 it in Nevada and particularly in Lincoln County because

4 that was an out and out -- they just forced themselves

5 on us. We had them. Our surveys proved it.

6 If you look at our signs, if you were to go to

7 Pioche, you would see 150 signs like this in Pioche

8 alone. We have them in Panaca. I even have some out in

9 Rachel. They're out in Alamo. They're in Caliente.

10 You'll see my house right down here, it's got a metal

11 fence around it; I have about six signs just like this

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12 on my fence. And I had them in Alamo.
13 I finally had to sell my house over there and
14 move over here because I put my husband in long-term
15 care in the Lincoln County Hospital and that's where he
16 is right now, and I pay almost \$5,000 a month to keep
17 him there with Parkinson's, and what do I hear when I go
18 down to one of these JCCIAAC meetings? Well, if they
19 bring this through Caliente on the train and then if
20 they have an incident, where are they going to take
21 those contaminated people? To the Lincoln County
22 hospital. That's the only hospital in the whole county.
23 That's where I have my husband in -- Parkinson's, he has
24 Parkinson's. How much is he supposed to fight? And
25 contaminated people?

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1 And you know good and well that they would
2 have helicopters in here. They would have cops in here.
3 They would have -- and those people are used to a quiet,
4 a quiet hospital where they can relax and be well taken
5 care of.

6 And Mike Baughman, oh, boy, that bird I'm
7 telling you, he has taken billions and billions and
8 billions of dollars just out of Lincoln County alone.

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9 But, see, he also serves White Pine County, and I don't
10 know just but whatever he doesn't serve, then Robinson
11 and Seidler do, and I'll bring you a little paper about
12 Robinson Seidler too. That's all I have to say right
13 now. I'll be back in half an hour.

14 MS. HANLON: Thanks, Marjorie.

15 Off the record.

16 (Off the record.)

17 MS. DETRAZ: I have six scientists with Ph.D.s.
18 They're not DOE scientists, they're real scientists in
19 my book, who one of them has a Ph.D. in nuclear
20 chemistry; another one has a Ph.D. in nuclear -- let's
21 see, geoscience, that's earth science. Then I have --
22 there's the two Russians Dublyansky and Szymanski; I
23 think that's their names.

24 MR. VON TIESENHAUSEN: Dublyansky.

25 MS. DETRAZ: Dublyansky. Anyway, there's two of
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1 them they work out of Bob Loux's office, and they have a
2 geologist by the name of Alan Chamberlain and he knows
3 all about Yucca Mountain and knows about the Wasatch
4 Mountains. They want to put the nuclear waste on the

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5 Goshutes Indian Reservation and, see, Governor Leavitt
6 is fighting that. Governor Miller is fighting it. Now
7 Governor Quinn fights it.

8 Why is it -- if you think about it, if our
9 governor doesn't want it and our legislature doesn't
10 want it and our senators don't want it and our two
11 congressmen don't want it, then why do we have nuclear
12 waste going through Lincoln County?

13 Well, I've got a cartoon I'll bring you and
14 show you why we don't and I'll be right back. I'll be
15 back, okay.

16 MS. HANLON: Thanks.

17 (Off the record at 4:25 p.m.)

18 (Resume on-the-record comments at 6:35
19 p.m.)

20 MS. HANLON: We want to go back on the record.

21 MS. DETRAZ: I think a picture is worth a thousand
22 words. I took this out of the Las Vegas... Now, have
23 you ever wondered -- see, in the Review Journal
24 February 18, 1999 news item: Nevada Governor
25 Congressional Delegations Joined Hands to Prevent the

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1 Shipment of Nuclear Waste to the State. Now here's

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2 Shelley Berkley in a skirt and there's our governor and
3 our Nevada delegation, and here's this nuclear waste
4 truck. Stay back 500 feet and it's running right over
5 the top of them.

6 Now how come if they're all opposed to it, how
7 come this truck can run over the top of them right
8 there?

9 Joint City County Impact Alleviation Committee
10 and DOE. That's why.

11 Like I told you, Lincoln County was the only
12 county out of 17 that defied the State of Nevada and
13 said they would take the nuclear waste.

14 Now, I got a couple of articles in here that
15 will maybe help you to understand it. I rearranged
16 these a hundred times. Here's a copy of the January 23,
17 2001 meeting of the JCCIA. Okay. See there, people
18 attending, staff and public Loui Benezet, he's public.
19 I'm public. This is staff. This is staff. This is
20 staff. These two people were there on telephone
21 business, so they're in a business. This is a member of
22 the J -- these are the members of the JCCIA Bonnie
23 Haden, who is the post-mistress here. Stanley Wallis,
24 W-a-l-l-i-s, owns a mobile home park. Dan Frehner, he

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25 is the chairman of the Lincoln County commissioners.

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1 Kevin Phillips, he is the mayor of the city/county. Tim
2 Perkins is also a county commissioner and he's also a
3 member of the JCCIAC. You can see we're outnumbered.
4 There's two of us to 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 people,
5 okay.

6 Now you start out and Dr. Baughman hands out
7 four different items. First one is a calendar of open
8 meetings. Second item, letters from the nuclear waste
9 technical review board; discusses their argument for the
10 continuing existence of the board.

11 Dr. Baughman summarizes the concerns expressed
12 in the letter and the board's justification for their
13 continuing existence. Dr. Baughman discusses the
14 similarities in future responsibilities between the
15 NWTRB and the NRC.

16 Mr. Phillips asks did the 87 amendments create
17 the NWTRB? I hope you know who all these are.

18 Dr. Baughman's answer, yes, with no sunset,
19 only for the negotiator. Dr. Baughman discusses the
20 potential for the committee in the future to provide

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21 their input, not the citizens, but their input to the
22 administration, who would be congress and senate on this
23 topic.
24 Dr. Baughman attended the Global Spent Fuel
25 Summit on December 4 through 6, held in Washington, D.C.

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1 Who else did? No citizens. We didn't know what he went
2 for or what he accomplished.

3 Baughman attended -- Dr. Baughman summarizes
4 the international summit on managing nuclear waste.
5 Dr. Baughman hands out notes from the meeting and
6 highlights several of the more interesting topics.

7 Japan -- get this. Japan is paying a hefty
8 price to local host communities. Remind me and you'll
9 see in here about Japan. Okay. Where are we?

10 Okay. Lots of examples of in intermodal,
11 mostly doing geologic disposal. Russia is on the verge
12 of becoming the international host of high-level waste.
13 Why don't we give it to Russia then? Why do we have to
14 give it to Yucca Mountain?

15 See, Dr. Baughman discusses the handouts,
16 which are the JCCIA. Dr. Baughman discusses the handout
17 copies which are in the JCCIAC office.

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18 Mr. Phillips asks: Is Japan is moving towards
19 similar U.S. legal weight truck.
20 Dr. Baughman responds: Legal weight vehicle
21 being used to ship to the intermodal site. Compact
22 operation. Dr. Baughman then discusses the 1999
23 summary of hazmat shipments through the county through
24 the UP mainline -- and remind me I'll show you some of
25 the stuff that goes through our railroad here.

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1 Dr. Baughman states that 23,697 loads of
2 hazmat materials in that fiscal year. Second handout
3 discusses different exposure levels. Dr. Baughman
4 intends to review the materials that are high amount of
5 transport and high risk. Dr. Baughman explains why do
6 this task? He explains an increased emergency response
7 capabilities for the nuclear materials will ultimately
8 better prepare for non-nuclear responses.

9 Mr. Phillips states: DOT from Mexico, Canada
10 and U.S. pull together handbook for identification of
11 materials and what to do in case of accident.

12 Okay. Now we go to Paul Seidler for Robinson
13 Seidler; gives an update. Mr. Seidler states that

14 Bechtel SAIC won the M & O contract from TRW. The
15 transition is going rapidly and smoothly. No legal
16 challenge.

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17 Mr. Seidler states that Bechtel is a builder.
18 One concern Bechtel is doing, one concern Bechtel is
19 doing work everywhere. Mr. Seidler continues. Don't
20 expect the Congress to move quickly on legislation.
21 Energy issues such as cost-producing energy is taking
22 most of the attention. The EPA draft regulations
23 standards issued. The EPA is slightly more stringent
24 than the DOE. Turned over to the OMB for review. DOE
25 does not seem concerned about the new regulations.

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1 Marge Gunn is working towards obtaining an ambulance for
2 the county.

3 These are the perks they give Lincoln County.
4 Make some of these people happy.

5 Mr. Seidler explains their progress towards
6 obtaining other equipment. Mr. Seidler explains that
7 Governor Quinn state of state address he asks the
8 legislature -- this is important -- asks the legislature
9 to provide \$5 million for a national transportation
10 campaign informing corridor jurisdictions on the risk

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11 associated with transporting nuclear waste. Mr. Seidler
12 speculates about the likelihood of the measure getting
13 through the legislature.

14 Mr. Seidler discusses the media's coverage of
15 adverse affects of transportation on tourism.

16 Mr. Seidler discusses the potential for accelerated
17 routing through rural Nevada. Mr. Seidler brings
18 attention to maps used in meetings. Mr. Seidler
19 discussions DOE lost appeal to take waste. Mr. Seidler
20 states the Department of Energy estimates the current
21 liability could be two to three billion.

22 Spencer Abraham nominated and approved by the
23 U.S. senate. Strong -- let's see senate to approve.
24 Senator Reid only decenter.

25 Mr. Seidler discusses Mr. Abraham's
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1 qualifications. Not strong in energy but he's head of
2 the Department of Energy. Good on the hill. Good on
3 the hill, get that.

4 Energy crisis could lead to revitalizing
5 nuclear power. Calvert Cliffs recently relicensed, and
6 I'll talk about that in a minute.

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7 Mr. Seidler states that NRC predict 90 percent
8 should seek to be relicensed. Serious talk about
9 constructing new nuclear power plants. NRC licensed
10 three type of nuclear power plants. Natural gas is very
11 expensive, with an estimated 32 billion in
12 infrastructure upgrades.

13 Mr. Seidler discusses the ECA white paper; a
14 paper to provide to the department during the
15 transition. Nye County took the lead in preparing this
16 document. It focuses on least risk mode routes and
17 maximum participation by local governments in the mode
18 routes. Selection process and equity between
19 communities that are sending the waste and the ones
20 impacted by receiving the waste. Comments on white
21 paper please forward to Robinson Seidler.

22 Mr. Seidler mentions the TEC meeting they will
23 be attending February 6th and 7th. Mr. Pitts asked
24 Mr. Seidler if the new designs will speed implementation
25 and decrease costs. Mr. Seidler discusses that it is a

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1 pre-approval of design to increase the certainty that
2 the plant will get licensed.

3 This is point number eight. Discussion Action

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4 JCCIAC Public Information Internet Service Contract.

5 Now this is not to -- you want to stop.

6 (Discussion off the record.)

7 MS. DETRAZ: I'll tell you this, I'm going to give

8 your staff a copy of this, and you can take it with you.

9 All right. I want, again, to point out that Loui

10 Benezet and myself are the only public citizens present.

11 We are against the other eight people that are on the

12 committee. Okay.

13 Now we're going to skip over to the public

14 comment, but Loui Benezet and I are not allowed to say

15 one word during all of the proceedings until they come

16 to public comment, which is after they have completed

17 all of their business and then set a date for the next

18 meeting. Then they turn to public comment. You want to

19 close it off for a minute now.

20 (Discussion off the record.)

21 MS. DETRAZ: Public comment -- this is Loui

22 Benezet. He and I are like brother and sister Loui

23 comments on addressing comments during meeting.

24 Comments on equipment. Request items on agenda. The

25 items were not placed on the agenda. Sharing of

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1 vouchers among the committee members. Reports on
2 travel. Dan, who is Dan Frehner, wants to have it on
3 the agenda meeting. And they protest the process. Need
4 for a more routine reporting methodology. No need for
5 discussion. Get that, no need for discussion.

6 Item three, what percentage? 100 percent not
7 going through Las Vegas Valley. Suggest scenarios for
8 possible impacts. Missed EIS comments on these
9 scenarios. Spent money on various reports. Lot further
10 discussion tonight. Scenario should include worst-case
11 scenarios.

12 Would you stop a minute.

13 (Discussion off the record.)

14 MS. DETRAZ: In answer to Loui's question, then,
15 Kevin Phillips discusses the nature of public meeting
16 and open meeting. Public meeting: Try hard to follow
17 the open meeting law conducted the way the commission
18 meeting is.

19 Mr. Benezet -- then we go on to public
20 comment. I had some questions and I hope it would be
21 okay to discuss the policy last time suggested by people
22 of the audience who would at least be able to address

23 questions in the course of the meeting. And I hope you
24 will consider on doing that in the future.

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25 I have a question because I was doing some
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1 expenses of the nuclear waste program about purchases of
2 hardware, computer equipment and a digital camera.
3 There was a bill for about \$5,000. I wondered if it was
4 approved by the board or if it was authorized and why we
5 were purchasing the equipment this month.

6 Mr. Phillips answers. All approval for the
7 office equipment is made up during the budget process.
8 It started here when we set the budget for the equipment
9 stuff for the office and that was approved.

10 Mr. Benezet: You mean automatically if it's
11 on the budget, you go out and buy it?

12 Mr. Phillips: Automatically there is a budget
13 for that. Jason approached me on it. I'll go talk to
14 Chairman Frehner or not.

15 What's its use, Jason?

16 Mr. Pitts: That particular purchase is a
17 laptop and a digital camera. Those particular pieces of
18 equipment are being used by, they say, Lincoln County
19 equipment but are being used by the Pioche Chamber of

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20 Commerce to digitally photograph a large number of
21 historic data they have presented with me. So they use
22 it like that and take those pictures and put those
23 documents up in our office, and the digital hard copy
24 goes on the web.

25 Mr. Benezet: Was that one laptop or two?

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1 Mr. Pitts: There's been one laptop just for
2 that process. There has been more than one laptop
3 purchased.

4 Mr. Benezet: Okay. I thought I saw two
5 laptops and a camera on that deal, right?

6 Mr. Pitts: Right.

7 Mr. Benezet: So there are actually two
8 laptops?

9 Mr. Pitts: There are. The second laptop will
10 be used at the White Pine nuclear waste project. We are
11 in cooperative agreement with them.

12 Mr. Benezet -- why doesn't White Pine buy
13 their own?

14 Mr. Benezet: And you guys approved all that?
15 Okay? Hmmm. The other thing is I come before this

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16 meeting twice, as I was instructed to do, and take
17 advantage of my public comment time to request items to
18 be put on the agenda for the next meeting and this is
19 just --

20 MS. HANLON: Marge, again can you summarize this
21 because I think we're going to get a copy of this.

22 MS. DETRAZ: Can you wait just a minute? See,
23 we're just about through. See this is what I want to
24 point out. This is the third time he's asked for this.
25 He started in September.

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1 MS. HANLON: Can you point that out and we'll give
2 her the copy rather than reading --

3 MS. DETRAZ: Mr. Benezet: This is the third time
4 here and the items I suggested be placed on the agenda
5 have not been placed on the agenda. I discussed that in
6 some detail with you in the last meeting two months ago.
7 Can I have an answer to why that doesn't work?

8 Mr. Phillips: Which items?

9 Mr. Benezet: Well, I can refer you to the
10 draft minutes here. It's in detail.

11 Mr. Phillips: Just be brief, please.

12 Mr. Benezet: One of the issues I brought up

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13 in October. The October meeting was a sharing of the
14 vouchers of the other committee members from the
15 consultants so that the people could keep track of the
16 work that was being done by our consultants; and the
17 other one that I brought up at the last meeting was the
18 issue of the reports on travel by the staff consultants
19 and committee members. Okay.

20 Mr. Phillips: I would like to address both
21 those. You just heard an overview of how this process
22 works. Pat Kelley has requested for quite some time and
23 he's on the list to receive the copies through the
24 vouchers. They come here and any other member of the
25 committee may request copies of those, if they so

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1 choose, and that's the procedure and it was in place
2 even before he asked the question.

3 So is that satisfactory to your first
4 question? That's the answer to your first issue.

5 Mr. Benezet: What I wanted to do is bring
6 before the board for you guys to consider the
7 possibility that you would decide to send the vouchers
8 out to all the members of the committee. That was my

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9 suggestion. I wanted to be able to bring it to you when
10 I suggested it. You said we'll put it on the agenda for
11 the next meeting. Mentioned again, you said, "I'll put
12 it on the agenda for the next meeting."

13 So now you're saying you made a decision but
14 you don't have any discussion about it and you don't ask
15 the committee members what they think. Okay. Okay.
16 Now the rest of it, you know, let's see.

17 MS. HANLON: Marjorie, I think that's probably the
18 end.

19 MS. DETRAZ: The rest of this is where you start up
20 public comment here, and Mr. Benezet and then I talk.

21 MS. HANLON: And if you have a closing statement
22 that you want to make, but I don't want you to read the
23 rest of these things in to the record.

24 MS. DETRAZ: No, there's too much. I don't intend
25 to. I want to show you why I'm angry; why we're angry

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1 in Lincoln County. Because, you see, we used to have a
2 lot of people went to these meetings, but when they're
3 not allowed to speak they say, "What's the use?", and
4 they don't come anymore.

5 We used to have about ten or 11 to 12 people

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6 to come public to ask questions and they kept, you know,
7 like they do with us, cut you off and so now there's
8 only Loui Benezet and myself out of 12 people and we're
9 just as stubborn, we tell them we're never going to
10 quit. We're never going to stop coming and we're never
11 going to give up on this. And that's the only reason --
12 I truly believe that's the only reason they haven't held
13 more than three meetings.

14 Okay. That's where you start.

15 I want to show you their budget.